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1. Although Chief Inspector Willi Zaisser is nominally vice-president of the Administration of the Interior (GAI) under Dr. Kurt Fischer, he is de facto in charge of all paramilitary units and schools and is independent of Fischer. The staff section which he heads is officially designated "Verwaltung für Schulung bei der DWD" (Administration for Training, attached to the GAI). This terminology is apparently intended to conceal the true nature of the units involved. This section is now entirely independent of the GAI, both operationally and logistically; there are said to be many fundamental disagreements between Zaisser and Fischer concerning the direction of paramilitary affairs, but Fischer is no longer in a position to interfere, since Zaisser's staff is a part of the GAI in name only.
2. The term "Bereitschaft" is now used to refer to a large unit composed of three "Abteilungen", each of which is subdivided into three companies ("Kompanien", but occasionally called "Kommandos"). The strength of a company is one hundred men, so that a Bereitschaft could be regarded as a regimental organization, with nearly a thousand men.
3. The schools which are officially called "Volkspolizeischulen" are classified into five categories:

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a. Infantry. This document is hereby regraded to **NO CHANGE in Classification**  
b. Artillery. CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with the **DECLASSIFIED**  
c. Armored Corps letter of 16 October 1978 from the **Class. CHANGED**  
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On 14 September all training personnel, including the regular training staff (Lehr- und Ausbildungsleiter) and the Lehrabteilungsleiter who have charge of military specialty training, were received by Chief of Staff Hans Tulla, who gave them a training schedule and instructed them on a system of progress re-

4. SIA headquarters in Karlshorst on 14 September summoned all the police officers in charge of schools (Kommandeure) to a conference presided over by Zaisser and Major General Petrakovsky, the Soviet officer in control of paramilitary affairs.

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Each of the 20-odd Kommandeure present was called by name and introduced to a Soviet captain or major who will be attached to his school as an adviser. Some of these Russian officers were dressed in German paramilitary uniforms; it was explained that the uniforms issued to the others did not fit. It is understood that all the Russian officers were drawn from the Soviet Zone effectives; they complained that they had been given this assignment on such short notice that they had had no time to wind up their affairs.

5. Petrakovsky informed the Russian officers that they will be housed and fed by the local Komendatura. They will be issued German identification papers in addition to their Soviet credentials, and will have special authorization to wear civilian clothes. Most of them speak a little German, but not enough to pass as Germans. They will hold appointments on the teaching staff of the schools, presumably with the rank of Kommandeur."

\* Comment: Previously Soviet interest in the management of paramilitary affairs had been confined to frequent inspection visits; this is the first time that Russian personnel has actually been infiltrated into control positions. 50X1-HUM

Comment: Whereas recent developments point in the direction of increased militarization of the Bereitschaften, the extent to which the militarization will be pushed is still uncertain. The training schools will be equipped to turn out officers with well rounded military knowledge. 50X1-HUM  
 The presence of trained paramilitary units would serve as a deterrent against any attempt by the Federal Republic of western Germany to intervene in the eastern zone after its evacuation by the Soviet Army, if or when that occurs. 50X1-HUM

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